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Re: Application of Koji MASAKI  
RUBBER COMPOSITION AND PNEUMATIC TIRE USING THE SAME  
**Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q96962

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application. Also enclosed is the first page of WO 2005/087858 A1.
- ☐ 0 sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☐ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☐ a copy of the IPER.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references plus one additional reference.
- ☐ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

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Respectfully submitted,

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